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Examiner: Lee, Edmund H. Group Art Unit: 1732

Invention: "METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A MODULUS STIFFENED HARD DISC"

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 13, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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